

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2006, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Armstrong, Smisek, Stadler,
Strehler, and Chairperson Wang.

Absent: Commissioners Miranda and Smith.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Myers,
Senior Supervisor McClelland,
Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson, and
Cultural Services Consultant Powers.

MOTION: Commissioner Stadler moved to grant Commissioners Miranda and Smith excused absences for the April 17, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Stadler moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Wang so ordered.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2006

Commissioner Stadler noted the following correction to the March 20, 2006 meeting minutes:

Page 3, Item 9, paragraph 3: "...and announced that Hermosa Valley School was putting on "Bugsy Malone."

MOTION: Commissioner Armstrong moved for the approval of the March 20, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Strehler and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioners Miranda and Smith).

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6A. NON-PROFIT ARTS GRANTS UPDATE

Cultural Services Manager Myers reported that Cultural Services was in the process of receiving applications for the 2006-07 Non-Profit Arts Grants. He advised that \$5,000 was available, that applications were available on the City's website, and that applications are due to the City Clerk's office by May 3, 2006. He stated that he would forward applications to Commissioner Stadler, Chair of the Grant Review Committee, and that the Committee would make its recommendations at the May 15, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. He encouraged Commissioners to continue promoting the grant program to as many qualifying non-profit arts organizations as possible.

It was determined that the Grant Review Committee members are Dr. Owen Griffith and Commissioners Stadler, Armstrong, and Smisek, with Chairperson Wang offering to serve as an alternate.

6B. 2006 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS – APRIL 30, 2006

Cultural Services Manager Myers reported that the Excellence in Arts Awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in the Toyota Meeting Hall. He distributed draft speeches to Commissioners, encouraging them to rewrite the scripts in their own words.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed at this meeting.

7B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN

No report.

7C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Previously discussed at this meeting.

8. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Senior Supervisor McClelland reported on the successful production of "Biloxi Blues" and the two sold out performances of Regina Klenjoski Dance Company. He encouraged Commissioners to audition for "The Man Who Came to Dinner" on April 18, 2006. He announced that the Torrance Art Museum and Torrance Theatre Company have received grant awards for two interns this summer. He reported that Torrance Seasons would be delivered next week and that their spring class sessions have outstanding participation.

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson discussed the third exhibition, "Telling: a narrative impulse," at the Torrance Art Museum that opened on March 24, 2006, noting that they hosted two large Long Beach City College tours. She stated that the first lecture for the volunteer group was April 17, 2006, featuring art history professor Dr. Jeanne Willette. She announced a reading by LA Weekly essayist Dave Shulman on April 27, 2006 and the next Starters event on May 4, 2006.

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Cultural Services Consultant Powers distributed fliers for the 10th Annual Ooodles of Noodles on Sunday, June 4, 2006 from noon to 4:00 p.m. He stated that success of the event depended on the 60 to 80 high school volunteers and 20 to 30 adult volunteers. He announced the third segment of Works in Progress "Blockbuster!" with "9/11 Commission Report – 2000" on April 26, 2006.

Cultural Services Manager Myers discussed improvements under consideration for the Wilson Park gazebo. He reported that he attended a California Lawyers for the Arts symposium to discuss budget increases for the California Arts Council, noting that several State organizations are trying to restore funding. He encouraged Commissioners to visit the universally-accessible tree house at Wilson Park.

9. ORALS

Commissioner Smisek discussed her recent trip to Malta.

Commissioner Strehler stated that she enjoyed the second Blockbuster! performance and the Gold Medal show at the Pasadena California Art Museum. She mentioned that she attended the Torrance Artists Guild meeting on April 11, 2006, and that the organization will have a booth at Ooodles of Noodles.

Commissioner Armstrong also stated that she found the second Blockbuster! presentation enjoyable as well as the opening of the third exhibition at the Torrance Art Museum. She read a letter that she received from the P.V. Players regarding possible performances of their production "Wonder of the World at the Nakano Theatre" and brief discussion centered on P.V. Player's grant eligibility and theatre capacity.

Commissioner Stadler stated that she enjoyed the third exhibition opening at the Museum as well as Mozart's Requiem at Rolling Hills Methodist Church. She shared information about her three bell groups' performances.

Chairperson Wang stated that she felt honored to be invited to the White House to meet Chinese president Hu Jintao, although she decided to decline the invitation.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:48 p.m., Commissioner Stadler moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Wang so ordered.

Approved as Submitted May 15, 2006 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
